

**United States District Court
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

EDWARD DEAN COOK SR

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number:

11- MJ-252 (MKK)

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about June 12, 2011, within the confines of the Red Lake Indian Reservation, in the State and District of Minnesota, defendant(s),


Edward Dean Cook Sr., a person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, did possess a firearm or ammunition in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce,

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section(s) 922(g) and 924(a).

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No


Signature of Complainant

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

Date June 30, 2011 at

Bemidji, MN
City and State

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name & Title of Judicial Officer


Signature of Judicial Officer

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT ST. PAUL

1 STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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3 COUNTY OF BELTRAMI)

ss. AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL J. IVERSON

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7 1. Your affiant, Michael J. Iverson, being duly sworn,
8 does depose and state as follows:

9 2. I am a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of
10 Investigation (FBI). I have been a Special Agent of
11 the FBI approximately seven years. I am currently
12 assigned to the Bemidji, Minnesota Resident Agency of
13 the FBI with the primary responsibility of
14 investigating violent crimes that occur on the Red
15 Lake Indian Reservation.

16 3. This Affidavit is made in support of warrant for the
17 arrest of Edward Dean Cook, Sr., for violation of
18 Title 18, U.S.C. Sections 922(g) and 924(a).

19 4. The facts and information contained in this Affidavit
20 are based on my training, experience, observations,
21 and personal knowledge; upon my discussions with other
22 law enforcement officers and agents directly involved
23 in this investigation; and upon my review of official
24 reports submitted in relation to this investigation.
25 This Affidavit does not contain all facts known to me
26 regarding these matters, but only those sufficient to
27 support a finding of probable cause for the requested
28 warrant.

29 5. On June 12, 2011, at approximately 2:00 a.m., the Red
30 Lake Police Department (RLPD) dispatch officer
31 received a call from Carla May who advised that Eddie
32 COOK, Sr. was outside her residence in a vehicle and

1 she thought he may have a gun. Ms. May called back a
2 short time later and advised dispatch that COOK had
3 left in the vehicle. Dispatch advised Ms. May that if
4 COOK was located, the police would advise him to stay
5 away from her residence. Ms. May provided a
6 description of COOK's vehicle: a red Silverado truck
7 with a camper on it, bearing Red Lake tribal handicap
8 license plates which included the number 134.

- 9 6. At approximately 3:00 a.m., the same date, RLPD
10 dispatch received a call from Leah Cook who advised
11 that her father, COOK, had her eleven year-old son in
12 the vehicle, that her father had been drinking, and
13 that she wanted her son returned home.
- 14 7. At approximately 4:00 a.m., RLPD dispatch received
15 another call from the Carla May residence. A female
16 caller told the dispatch officer: "He is shooting at
17 my house! Get them over here!"
- 18 8. A RLPD officer went to the scene and observed the red
19 Silverado leave the area, heading west. The officer
20 followed and attempted to stop the vehicle, which was
21 later found to be driven by COOK.
- 22 9. After an approximately 44-mile pursuit, COOK slowed
23 his vehicle and drove onto a dirt road and then behind
24 a residence. Criminal Investigator (hereafter "CI")
25 Jonathan Richards, who had been pursuing COOK in an
26 unmarked vehicle using lights and sirens, parked his
27 vehicle near where COOK's vehicle was located. CI
28 Richards, believing that COOK may be armed, took cover
29 outside of his vehicle, placing himself on the
30 passenger side of his police vehicle as a barrier
31 between COOK and him.

- 1 10. As CI Richards took a cover position alongside his
2 vehicle, COOK drove his pick-up truck directly at CI
3 Richards at a high rate of speed. CI Richards believed
4 that COOK was attempting to smash into his police
5 vehicle, causing it to impact CI Richards.
- 6 11. CI Richards observed COOK clearly behind the steering
7 wheel. CI Richards advised COOK was looking directly
8 at him as COOK accelerated his vehicle towards CI
9 Richards. As COOK accelerated toward CI Richards, CI
10 Richards fired three rounds at COOK from his service
11 weapon. COOK continued driving forward and made
12 contact with CI Richards' police vehicle. COOK then
13 placed the pick-up he was driving in reverse and
14 attempted to flee the scene, but became hung-up on a
15 large log that was on the ground.
- 16 12. COOK was placed under arrest. COOK's eleven year-old
17 grandson was found in the passenger compartment of the
18 pick-up truck. CI Richards also observed unexpended
19 rounds of ammunition and discharged cartridge casings
20 in the passenger compartment of the pick-up COOK had
21 been driving. No firearm was recovered.
- 22 13. COOK's vehicle was towed from the scene to the Red
23 Lake Police Department. On June 24, 2011 your affiant
24 conducted a search of the interior of COOK's red
25 Silverado pick-up after obtaining a Federal Search
26 Warrant.
- 27 14. Your affiant recovered eighteen (18) shotgun shell
28 casings in a bandolier; two (2) spent shotgun shell
29 casings; an open Bud Light can; and an empty medicine
30 container bearing COOK's name. All recovered items
31 were within COOK's vehicle.

- 1 15. On June 30, 2011 your affiant contacted Steve Rodgers,
2 Technical Services Representative for Federal
3 Ammunition Company, Anoka, Minnesota. After Rodgers
4 viewed photographs of the recovered ammunition from
5 COOK's vehicle, your affiant was advised that the
6 ammunition was identified as the Federal Upland Game
7 Load, 2-3/4 inch, 1 ounce payload. Rodgers advised
8 that the propellant used in the manufacture of the
9 ammunition was obtained from Alliant Powder Company
10 located in Radford, Virginia.
- 11 16. Your affiant has checked COOK's criminal history.
12 COOK was convicted of assaulting a federal
13 officer/employee in the District of Minnesota both
14 1979 and 1992, and therefore is ineligible to possess
15 a firearm or ammunition.
- 16 17. Based upon the above information, I believe that there
17 is probable cause to conclude that on June 12, 2011,
18 within the exterior boundaries of the Red Lake Indian
19 Reservation, Minnesota, a location within the special
20 territorial jurisdiction of the United States, Edward
21 Dean COOK, Sr., a person who has been convicted of a
22 crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding
23 one year, did possess a firearm or ammunition in or
24 affecting interstate or foreign commerce, in violation
25 of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g), and
26 924(a).
- 27 18. Further your affiant sayeth not.

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31 Michael J. Iverson
32 Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Bemidji, Minnesota

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of June, 2011.

Mary Kay Klein
U.S. Magistrate Judge